

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-12 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

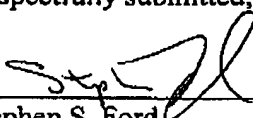
The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-7 are allowed.

The Examiner has also indicated that the previous Response to Office Action filed on May 27, 2003 was not fully responsive. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.173, claims 8-12 are hereby underlined.

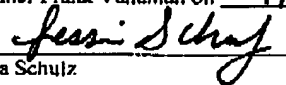
**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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